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In re Patent Application of:
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For: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 7 α -
METHYLSTEROIDS**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008 having a shortened statutory three-month period for response which expired on July 1, 2008.

Applicants herein petition for a three-month extension of time and authorize any and all charges due to such extension to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-4205.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.